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spoke my name, gasped and expired. He was frightfully mangled, and was maddened to desperation. All thought of fear vanished; I could not. "Fire" ran along the line, and a tremendous crash of musketry answered the command. We now loaded and fired like a pull over us and shot out the enemy from our sight. The battle grew warm and bloody. The rattle of musketry, the screaming of shells, the thunders of artillery, the whistling of bullets, the shouts of command commingling with curses, prayers and groans of the wounded and dying, filled the air. Our men, black with smoke and powder, looked like devils incarnate as they plied their work of death. At length a breeze rolled away the smoke that shrouded us, and closed our other column bearing down upon the enemy's flank. Now was the decisive moment—"Charge Bayonets," rang out, and with loud shouts we rushed to the assault. A storm of grape and canister was hurled against us, our men leaped forward with the cold steel. The struggle over the guns was desperate. It was a butchery scene in the extreme. The enemy soon broke and fled, leaving us masters of the field. Since that time I have not felt the least dread or hesitation on entering a battle. After the first few shots I fire away as coolly as when hunting squirrels.

As a general rule our small men are more plucky than our large ones. We have had a dozen boys with us varying in age from 12 to 15 years. They are hearty as bucks and lively as crickets. You cannot get them off from the army. In a battle the great trouble with such youngsters is to keep them from running ahead too fast. There is a singular fascination attending an army; men having served one campaign, no matter what may have been their hardships, are almost certain to enlist again.

The Union & Journal.

BIDDEFORD, MARCH 21, 1862.

Advertisers are particularly requested to hand in their advertisements as early in the week as possible. In order to secure their insertion they must be received by Wednesday noon.

The Reorganization of the City Government.

The city Government for the current year was re-organized on Monday 17th inst., agreeably to the provisions of the City Charter. The board of Aldermen was called to order by Ald. Moore. Ald. Mason chosen chairman. The credentials of the Aldermen elected having been examined by a committee chosen for that purpose, it was reported that they were duly elected, which report was accepted.

The board of Aldermen and Common Councilmen then met in convention.

The Mayor elect on being notified of his election, appeared and took the oath of office, after which the Aldermen and Common Council were duly sworn by the Mayor.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. Mr. Hubbard.

The Mayor then addressed the convention as follows:

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Called once more by the votes of my fellow-citizens to the office of Mayor of the city, I hereby pledge my best efforts to the faithful discharge of the duties of the office.

We assume our duties under somewhat discouraging circumstances. Our main dependence—full work in the mills—is largely cut off, and of course the resources of our people are greatly lessened. It is for us, therefore, who are to regulate the city expenditure for the year, to bear in mind that we are bound, by every obligation, to make it as small as possible. We must not forget that in addition to the usual taxation, we shall be called upon to bear our share of the National taxation, necessary to preserve our National existence. In short, we are bound to make the most judicious use of the resources of the city, and to make increased outlays, prudence and economy, therefore, are especially necessary.

Last year the appropriation for streets was reduced three thousand dollars below the appropriation of the year previous, and as the expenditure was kept within the appropriation, and in the year previous exceeded their appropriation three thousand and five hundred dollars, a very great saving was made in the expenditure, and yet our streets and roads are in good condition. I recommend a still further reduction of the appropriation for streets for the coming year, and a new arrangement by which the pay of the Street Commissioners, and especially in District No. 4, shall be diminished. It now costs too much to lay out the street money, and there is no necessity for the constant daily employment of any one to take charge of the streets.

The appropriation for the families of the volunteers, has been expended during the last year, under the supervision of a committee, who have attended to the duty faithfully and judiciously, and yet our streets and roads are in good condition. I recommend a still further reduction of the appropriation for streets for the coming year, and a new arrangement by which the pay of the Street Commissioners, and especially in District No. 4, shall be diminished. It now costs too much to lay out the street money, and there is no necessity for the constant daily employment of any one to take charge of the streets.

Upon the important point of our schools, action may as well be suspended until the Legislature has determined what shall be done with the Bank Tax during the coming year. Should it be diverted from the schools, the difference would be material, as our share last year was nine hundred and sixty-four dollars. I commend the schools to your fostering care.

So far as I can judge, there will be no necessity for any extraordinary expenditures during the year, and with the expression of a hope that we may not be called upon to make any single view to the welfare of the city, I now enter with you upon the discharge of our respective duties.

The convention then dissolved.

At subsequent conventions of the two boards, the following city officers were elected.

City Clerk—F. D. Elderly.

City Treasurer and Collector—J. Q. Adams.

City Solicitor—Ivory M. Goodwin.

Supervisor of Schools—John M. Goodwin.

City Physician—Dr. Horace Bacon.

Overseers of the Poor—J. K. Cole, Aaron Webber and P. M. Haines.

Health Officer—William Eaton.

Superintendent of Burials—Stephen Worth.

The board of Aldermen adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, Monday 24th inst.

Tax Bill.—The Tax Bill is undergoing various modifications in the hands of the Ways and Means committee. The committee invite discussion upon this bill and are soliciting information and suggestions upon the subject.

Herriek Allen's Gold Medal Saleratus is far superior to super-carbonate of soda, and may be used in the same manner, with cream tartar, and for all other purposes where soda is used. It is perfectly healthy, and requires less in quantity. Try one paper and you will never have any other. Grocers and Druggists sell it.

Saco Town Officers—1862.

The following completes the report of the town meeting on the 10th inst.:

Voted, That the Treasurer be Collector of Taxes; that the Selectmen be Surveyors of Highways, with power to appoint assistants; that the School Districts be authorized to choose their agents; that the Treasurer be authorized to sell the Post House and land.

Overseers of Poor were chosen by the following vote:

Samuel T. Shannon,	271
Benjamin F. Cole,	207
William Seamon,	202
Tammal McKenney, Jr.,	62
Isaac Weymouth,	69
Samuel McKenney,	2
William Littlefield,	2

Mr. Charles Twamby, from the committee to purchase and put up a Town Clock, reported that the whole amount expended in erection of town clock, &c., was \$1603.44.

All the articles in regard to raising money were postponed to the adjourned meeting.

Chose following officers:

Fire Wardens.—Charles Twamby, James M. Deering, Joseph G. Deering, Samuel T. Shannon, Mark Prime and Benjamin E. Reddon.

Constables.—James M. Burlbank, Thomas K. Lane, James J. Wiggins, Augustus Lord, Joseph Hardy, Obadiah Durgin.

Fence Viewers and Field Drivers.—Fleming Hill, James Seavey, Lewis Sawyer, Asa Harmon, Horace Phillips, Elliot Sweetser, Elias H. Newbegin, Davis Googins, Arthur Boothby, Isaac D. Boothby, Lewis McKenney, James Ladd, Richard Lovitt, Isaac Marshall.

Measurers of wood and bark.—Living H. Lane, Joseph L. Hobson, Frederick Dunn, Mr. Deering, Joseph Stevens, James K. Patten, Reuben S. Marshall, Wm. N. Perry, Ephraim A. Watson.

Surveyors of Lumber.—Living H. Lane, Joseph L. Hobson, Joseph G. Deering, Oliver Smith, Stephen P. Libby, Town Agent; S. L. Smith, Treasurer; P. Libby, Town Agent; D. C. Panton, Superintendent School Committee.

Surveyors of Logs.—Living H. Lane, Joseph L. Hobson, Joseph G. Deering, Oliver Smith, Stephen P. Libby, Town Agent; S. L. Smith, Treasurer; P. Libby, Town Agent; D. C. Panton, Superintendent School Committee.

Assessors of Taxes.—Harrison Cleaves.

Pound Keeper.—James J. Wiggins.

Health Committee.—Wm. Bailey, A. F. Chisholm, Chas. G. Burleigh, Edmund P. Bennett.

Port Wardens.—James M. Deering, Nathl. Fernald, Richard Lovitt.

Tithing Men.—Benjamin F. Cole, James Patten.

Auditor of Accounts.—Stephen L. Goodale.

Adjourned to March 24th at 10 o'clock.

M.—Maine Democrat.

Annual Town Meetings.

We have already published in previous numbers of the Journal Reports of the election of town officers in several of the towns.

The following town officers elected we gather from the Maine Democrat of this week:

DAYTON.—Town meeting, on the 10th inst.—Z. G. Staples, Moderator; A. P. Buzzell, Town Clerk; J. R. Haley, E. Hill, Edgcomb Haley, Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor; S. L. Smith, Treasurer; P. Libby, Town Agent; D. C. Panton, Superintendent School Committee.

YORK.—Town meeting on the 11th inst.—Moderator, S. E. Payne; Clerk, W. Jenkins, Selectmen and Assessors, S. W. Norton, E. N. Goodman, C. Jenkins; Treasurer, G. Boyden; Overseers of Poor, F. Plaford, W. H. Sweet, A. Thompson; Town Agent, R. H. Walker; Supervisor of schools, J. A. Sweet; Auditors, H. W. McIntire, G. F. Plaford, G. M. Freeman.

PASSUMOTTSETT.—Meeting March 10, 1862.—A. Doe, Moderator; S. Merrill, Town Clerk; C. Boothby, D. Ricker, Jr., E. Fernald, Selectmen and Assessors and Overseers of Poor; A. Doe, S. S. March, G. Bedford, Town Treasurer; I. G. March, Constable; J. O. Bennett, J. Dearborn and G. Young, Auditors.

ALBANY.—Town meeting March 11th. B. J. Herriek, Moderator; G. L. Cane, Clerk; Silas Derby, Timothy Garey, N. H. Russell, Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor; J. R. Tripp, Treasurer; I. T. Drew, Agent; John Orr, Supervisor; J. O. McIntire, B. J. Herriek, W. G. Conant, Auditors.

NORTH BERWICK.—Town meeting 10th inst. H. A. Butler, Moderator; J. Johnson, Town Clerk; E. Billings, H. A. Butler, B. Hall, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, and Supervisor of Schools; H. A. Butler, Supervisor of Schools; Andrew Chase, Collector and Treasurer; Geo. Bafford, Constable.

SANFORD.—Ass. Low, Moderator; M. W. Emery, Clerk; A. Low, M. H. Libby, G. Bennett, Selectmen; H. Fairfield, School Committee; M. W. Emery, Treasurer, Collector and Constable.

LEBANON.—Moderator, F. A. Wood; Town Clerk, Daniel Wentworth; Selectmen, B. H. Lord, I. H. Fall and John Mills; Town Agent, John Tebbetts; Treasurer, Dr. J. S. Parker; S. H. Combs, Cyrus Jones.

The above were chosen nearly unanimously.

The Maine Cavalry.

On Saturday morning, between 5 and 6 o'clock, two trains, one of 31, the other 20 freight cars, passed through here with four companies of the cavalry. Each car contained 8 men and 8 horses. During the night two cars were thrown from the track between Gardiner and Richmond, and very badly smashed. Neither the men or the horses sustained the slightest injury.

Another squad of four companies are to leave Augusta this (Thursday) afternoon.

Capt. L. O. Cowan's company with this squad. They intended to have gone Monday last, but the storm blocked the roads so badly that they were prevented from going till to-day (Thursday).

Union Church, (Congregational.) Portland was destroyed by fire on Saturday evening last. The tower and walls of the church are left standing, but it is doubtful whether the latter are sufficiently strong to build upon. The chimneys of the church cost \$4000 and remain uninjured, some of the pew furniture, and the carpets in the house, were saved. The organ was destroyed.

The church was built in 1856, and cost, including land, organ and the chimneys of the church, about \$45,000. About \$5000 was paid for the land. There was insurance upon the building for \$15,000.

Preble, who has been confined in the State Prison for several years, for wife murder, died about two weeks since. He was the father of Preble who murdered his wife in Auburn, last summer. Father and son in prison at the same time, for the same great crime.

Death of Lieut. John H. Andrews.

The following letter was received by Capt. A. R. Willis, of Excelsior Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, Biddeford, Me.

WARSAW ISLAND, GA., Feb. 18, 1862.

CAPT. ALBERT R. WILLIS: SIR.—It has again become my painful duty to inform you of the loss of another member of our company as well as of yours. This day we have consigned to his last resting place the mortal remains of Lieut. John H. Andrews. He died of bilious intermittent fever, after an illness of only a few days. Our regiment left Seabrook, Hilton Head Island, on the 10th of Feb. Most of the companies embarked on board of the steamer Star of the South, but our company were quartered on board the Schooner Robt. J. Mercer, of Philadelphia, being in tow of the steamer. On Friday, the 7th, at evening, we anchored in Warsaw Inlet, the steamer with the regimental Surgeon on board, lying about two miles outside of the schooner. This night Lieut. Andrews was taken ill, we gave him such medicines as we could procure on board the Schooner, and finally succeeded in alleviating his distress.

The next morning our surgeon came on board and at the suggestion of Lieut. Ansel G. Marston, the present commander of our company, the Brigade Surgeon with one from the Connecticut 6th regiment were called to a consultation. They immediately removed him to more comfortable quarters on board the Steamer Star of the South, where everything that Medical skill and good nursing could do was done to restore him to health. But alas, his hour had come, and with feelings of the deepest sorrow and regret, we yielded him up into the hands of his Maker. Corp. John S. Gilpatrick, Daniel D. Barrows, and myself, prepared the body for burial, dressing him in the uniform which he wore in the harbor at half mast, and the sound of the dead-march strikes with a chilling sadness upon the ear. We have consigned him to his mother dust, but the memory of his short sojourn among us will long be cherished by every member of Co. E. We have lost a brave, patriotic and congenial companion and fellow soldier, and shall long look in vain for one to fill his place. In the prime of manhood he offered up his life at the shrine of liberty, and shall be held in grateful remembrance by all who love liberty and hate slavery, who love freedom and hate tyranny. At last life's fitful fever is over and he sleeps well.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN A. KELLEY.

In behalf of Company E, 9th Vol. V. M. M.

WARSAW ISLAND, GA.,

Tuesday, February 18th, 1862.

CAPTAIN WILLIS: DEAR SIR.—At a meeting of the officers of our Regiment this morning, the following were offered:

Whereas, We, the officers of the ninth Me., Regiment do deeply lament the decease of Lieut. John H. Andrews, of Company E, whose fine military and unusual social qualities won for him the respect and love of all who knew him. And whereas our daily duties incumbent upon us would prevent us from showing proper respect and honor to the memory of our dear friend and brother officer now no more.

Resolved, That two of our number be chosen to wait upon Col. Rich and request him in our name to dispense with Company and Battalion duties for the day, in order that we may be enabled to attend the funeral of the deceased.

Also, Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions and the proceedings of this meeting be sent to the family of our lamented friend and a copy to the Hook and Ladder Company of which he was an honored member.

Signed,

Captain G. F. GRANGER, Company A.,

Captain S. B. Baker, Company I., Captain

E. H. Robinson Company K., Lieut. Joseph

Noble, Acting Adjutant.

President, Lieut. JOHN L. EMMERSON,

Commanding Co. C, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Hook and Ladder Company, Biddeford, March 10, 1862, the following preamble and resolutions, reported by B. F. Hamilton of the committee, were adopted. Whereas this company has with feelings of deep regret received the sad intelligence of the death of Lieut. John H. Andrews, a worthy member of this organization, and a man whose memory we honor. Therefore,

Resolved, That by his death we have lost one who in social life was a genial companion, a man attractive, open, frank, and generous almost to a fault, and always prompt in duty.

Resolved, That in the fearless response of our brother to vindicate the cause of the oppressed, we recognize the loyal citizen and energetic soldier, qualities which eminently fitted him for his position.

Resolved, That we will hold in remembrance his many noble traits, which so endeared him to us, and will endeavor to emulate his virtues.

Resolved, That we tenderly and respectfully offer his mortal remains to the care of the government to be laid to rest in the national cemetery, and that the remembrance of a noble life sacrificed for the good of his country, associated with the hope of meeting him again, may be to them a support.

Resolved, That this company, from a sincere desire of showing a proper respect to the memory of our deceased brother, cause a copy of these resolutions to be communicated to the family of the deceased, and published in the Freeman's Advocate, Union and Journal, Biddeford, and Saxo Democrat.

A. R. WILLIS,

JOHN C. HALL, } Com.

B. F. HAMILTON, } Secy.

C. H. PARCHER, Clerk.

GEN. FREMONT APPOINTED TO A DEPARTMENT.

By a special order of the President, Gen. Fremont's good name has been vindicated by an appointment to the charge of a Military Department, between that of the Potomac and that of the Mississippi, embracing the mountain region of Western Virginia, East Tennessee, Western North Carolina, and Northern Alabama.

Some of the papers which have been so ready to condemn Gen. Fremont, and to copy the slanderous charges against him, will probably be the first to applaud the President for the new appointment.

NARROW ESCAPE.—As the wife and son of Mr. Stephen Harris were walking on the track of the York & Cumberland Railroad in Boston, last Thursday, they were overtaken by the outward train. The boy succeeded in climbing the snow which was some eight feet in height, in getting off the track. The mother being unable to escape in the same manner, leaped over as far as she could, the whole train grasping her and tearing her clothes nearly all off her person.—Portland Advertiser.

Congressional.

XXXVIIIth Congress—First Session.

WASHINGTON, March 10.

SENATE.—Mr. Sumner, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill to fulfill treaty stipulations with Hanover. The bill passed.

Mr. Grimes offered a joint resolution that, in the opinion of the Senate, no person should be appointed commander of a division or brigade, except such as exhibit superior competency for the command of men and gallantry in conflict against the enemy. Referred to the Military Committee.

Mr. Wilson, of Mass., offered a joint resolution tendering aid to the States of Maryland and Delaware, favoring voluntary emancipation. Mr. Saulsbury objected. Laid over.

On motion of Mr. Sherman the number of cavalry regiments was reduced to thirty instead of forty.

The bill to encourage enlistments in the regular army, with the bill relative to staffs, put in name of the committee.

The confederation bill was then taken up, and Mr. Browning spoke against it.

The House bill providing a new article of war was taken up. It provides that no officer or soldier shall be engaged in returning fugitive slaves, &c. A few amendments were offered but not adopted, when the bill passed by a vote of 29 against 9.

House.—The Senate bill was considered, providing for the appointment of sutlers for the volunteer service, and defining their duties. Mr. Baker, of New York, made an unsuccessful motion to abolish such sutler ships.

The sutler system was discussed a long time, and passed after being amended. It requires a schedule of the articles permitted to be sold, together with the prices thereof, to be prominently posted. Suttlers are prohibited from farming out their offices, nor are they allowed to sell to soldiers an amount exceeding one-fourth of their monthly pay, nor shall the sutler have a lien on the same.

Mr. Roscoe Concling, of New York, asked leave to offer the following:

Resolved, That the United States ought to cooperate with any State which may adopt a gradual abolition of slavery, giving to such State pecuniary aid, to be used by such State in its discretion to compensate for the inconvenience, public and private, produced by such change of system.

The rules were suspended for that purpose 86 against 35. The motion to postpone the consideration of the resolution was spiritedly discussed, but without coming to a decision the House adjourned.

MARCH 11.

SENATE.—Mr. Wilson, of Mass., offered a resolution that the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the late naval engagement with the rebel steamers near Fortress Monroe, and the destruction of property there, and to report thereon.

Mr. Hale said he did not wish to make any objection, but so far as he knew, since the commencement of the rebellion, no matter what disasters occurred, on sea or land, neither the War nor the Navy Department, except in a single instance, made a single inquiry into the matter. Mr. Wilson said, from his absolute knowledge, the attention of the Departments have been called to this rebel ship. It has been known for months that she was fitting out. Merchants and underwriters everywhere felt anxious, and the reputation of the Government has been called to it over and over again, and he thought the matter ought to be looked into. Mr. Grimes said in relation to the disaster at the mouth of the Mississippi the Government has done all that it could. The responsibility of this late disaster rests on the Government for not long ago sending a military expedition against Norfolk. The officers of the Navy have been ready at all times to break the Potomac blockade, and the Florida was under orders for several days for that purpose, but a superior military officer, who had command of all the forces, forbade the expedition. The responsibility does not rest on the Naval Department.

The confederation bill was taken up. Mr. Carlisle spoke against the bill as unconstitutional. The following amendment to the confederation bill was ordered to be printed:

"Strike out first section and insert, the personal property, moneys, stocks, credits, effects of every kind and nature wherever situated, belonging to persons who have heretofore held office under the Government or State, and all persons who now or may hereafter hold office under the so-called Confederate States, or any State in rebellion, or are or may be engaged in resisting the Federal Government, shall be confiscated, such confiscation to take immediate effect on commission of the act, and the right and title to personal property of such persons shall cease and vest in the United States."

House.—Mr. Walton, of Vt., from the Committee on Printing, offered a resolution, which was adopted, that there be printed for the use of the House 50,000 copies of Washington's Farewell Address, Jackson's Anti-Slavery Proclamation, and the Declaration of American Independence.

The Speaker announced the next business to be the motion to postpone until Thursday the resolution of Concling, of N. Y., yesterday. The House refused to postpone till Thursday, by only one majority.

The resolution now being open for debate, Mr. Blair, of Va., offered the following proviso: That nothing herein shall be construed to imply that Congress will consent to any partition of the territory now held by the United States. On the contrary, it is again affirmed as the unalterable resolution of the House, to prosecute the war until the Constitution is restored to its ancient supremacy over every State rightfully a part of the Union.

Mr. Pendleton, of O., suggested an amendment, that Congress, in order to redeem this pledge at its present session, ought to pass a bill for the levying and collecting of a tax within the current year, for payment of the pecuniary aid so tendered to the States.

Mr. Wickliffe, of Ky., opposed the pending resolution as unwise and unconstitutional.

Mr. Biddle, of Pa., spoke against, and Messrs. Diven and Olin, of N. Y., in favor of the resolution.

Mr. Crittenden addressed the House in opposition to the resolution.

Mr. Fisher, of Delaware, favored the resolution.

Mr. Hickman, of Pa., did not consider the resolution of any great practical importance, but would vote for it.

After further debate the question was put, and the resolution passed—88 against 31.

MARCH 12.

SENATE.—Mr. Davis presented a petition from the citizens of Kentucky, asking Congress to turn a deaf ear to all schemes of emancipation, and turn their attention to saving the country.

Mr. Trumbull, from the Judiciary Committee, reported back the resolutions for the expulsion of Powell, with a recommendation that it do not pass.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, of Mass., the bill to define the pay and emoluments of army officers was taken up. Mr. Fessenden opposed the proposition reducing 10 per cent. the salaries of the military or naval service, or any service of the Government. Messrs. Blair and Clark also opposed it. The bill

finally passed, including the deduction of 10 per cent. on salaries paid by the Government during the rebellion.

The bill abolishing slavery in the District of Columbia was taken up, and several amendments of the Committee adopted.

An amendment was also adopted to punish kidnapping, and repelling all laws inconsistent with the act. Mr. Davis, of Ky., offered an amendment that all the persons liberated be colonized, and appropriating \$100,000 for that object. He spoke in support of his amendment, but without further action the Senate adjourned.

House.—The House passed the bill amending to the 8th section of the act to promote the efficiency of the navy, so as to read: "The hours of labor and rate of wages if the Navy Yards shall conform, as near as consistent with the public interest, to the private establishments in the immediate vicinity; the respective yards to be regulated by the commanding officers, subject to the revision and approval of the Secretary of the Navy."

The bill authorizing the appointment of Commissioners to Great Britain and France for the purpose of the protection of the fisheries on the coast of Newfoundland was passed; and \$3000 are appropriated to carry the act into effect.

Mr. Ashby, of O., from the Committee on Territories, reported a bill to provide temporary Provisional Governments over districts of country in rebellion. The President is authorized to take possession and institute such government with the aid of the military and naval power. Governors, &c., to be appointed. Legislative Assembly and Courts to be established and continue until the people form new State Governments.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the tax bill, Mr. Colfax, of Ia., in the chair. Mr. Morrill, of Vt., explained at length the provisions and effects of the bill. He said the measures proposed would meet the large demands of the Government. Mr. Wadsworth, of Ky., opposed the bill. He incidentally condemned the President's emancipatory message.

Considerable debate followed, and the bill was passed, with amendments, and participated in by Messrs. Bingham, of O., Hickman, of Pa., and Wade, of Ohio.

MARCH 13.

SENATE.—Mr. Kennedy offered a resolution that the Secretary of the Navy inform the Senate by what law the Naval Academy was removed to Newport, R. I., and the reasons for such removal, and whether such reasons still exist. The resolution expressing the thanks of Congress to Com. Foote, officers and men of the Western Gunboat, was taken up and passed. The resolution of thanks to Lieut. Worden, officers and seamen of the Monitor was taken up and passed. Mr. Davis made a speech in favor of his expulsion. The Senate went into Executive session, after which it adjourned.

House.—Mr. Duell, of New York, introduced a resolution, which was passed, tendering thanks to Gen. Curtis and the officers and men under his command for the late brilliant victory, and sympathizing with the relatives and friends of the officers and soldiers who bravely fell at Fort Ridge.

The House in committee of the whole resumed the consideration of the tax bill. After debate, the first section was amended by giving the Commissioner of Internal Revenue the franking privilege. Mr. May, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a bill providing for the discharge of State prisoners, and for Courts of the United States to take bail on recognizances to secure trial of the same. The bill was recommitted.

SENATE.—Mr. Hale introduced a bill authorizing the building of a steam iron-clad ram and steam gunboat; also to complete the Stevens battery. It appropriates \$1,000,000 for the ram, \$13,000,000 for gunboats, and three-quarters of a million for Stevens battery. Referred. Mr. Harris introduced a bill to confiscate the property of rebels. Referred. The Senate refused to expel Mr. Powell of Ky. 28 to 11.

House.—The House was engaged on the tax bill.

The War.

The Army of the Potomac.

There is no news of importance from the army of the Potomac. The country for 25 miles about Manassas has been examined by cavalry scouts, but no enemies in arms were discovered. Gen. McClellan's spirit-stirring Address has been received with enthusiasm by the troops under his command.

Documents giving important information as to the numbers and positions of the rebels have been secured at the late headquarters of Beauregard and Johnston. Reconnoissances have been made all about Manassas, which have resulted in the discovery of various kinds of stores.

Gen. Banks' Division.

We learn from Winchester that a portion of our pickets, thrown out on the Strasburg road on Thursday, came into collision with a party of Ashby's rebel cavalry, while our men were moving into the town with some teams laden with hay. The cavalry made no charge upon them, but some shots were exchanged on both sides.

The rebel General Jackson had retreated up the valley towards Harrisonburg.

Hampton Roads.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says:

The duel between the Monitor and the Merrimack is likely to be renewed. Intelligence has reached the Navy

